




Re: Fw: phosphate EIS meeting comments 

Carol Monell to: Brad Jackson

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That's interesting to hear. How was Coronet? Oh, I need to add that to the weekly....

Brad Jackson

Below are some notes from Rick Button and his...

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Below are some notes from Rick Button and his attendance at the 3/23 meeting in Lakeland.

From: Rick Button
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FYI

The **Phosphate** EIS Scoping meeting was held on March 23 (2011) in Lakeland, FL, at the Lakeland Center (convention complex). As noted before, this EIS is being prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers with EPA as a partner. The primary contractor (conducting the meeting) was CH2M Hill. This was the first of 2 meetings with the public to inform them of the EIS being conducted relative to the expansion of **phosphate** mining south into areas not previously mined by the **phosphate** industry. The second meeting is to occur Friday night (March 25) in Punta Gorda, FL. This area is considered to be the downstream community of the **phosphate** mining operations as most of the affected waters flow into this area. The meeting turnout was very high. The setup was for several hundred people, but it ended up being standing room only.

The meeting started with a powerpoint presentation (which I previously emailed to you all) that outlined the EIS process, NEPA, and the public comments process. Comments from the public were encouraged via verbal, electronic, or written formats. After the presentation, there were breakout sessions on the various topics (water, NEPA, economics, and human environment). I helped to man the human environment table to answer questions about radiation in **phosphates**. There were a few questions, but no one seemed to be overly concerned about the radiation issues. The primary concerns noted were about jobs. As Florida has a very high unemployment rate, the jobs concern obviously is a big issue.

If you have any further questions, you know how to get me.

Rick Button



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